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Mr. William Casey, Director Central Intelligence Agency Mclean Virginia 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I have read with much appreciation your article in the April 22 WALL STREET JOURNAL. The comprehensive policy you propose seems to me the most likely to enable the U.S. to combat Soviet activity in the third world on more even terms than at present.

I would like to suggest an important area of the third world where we can compete with a distinct advantage over the Russians. I refer to the Islamic countries and the increasing emergence of Islam as a political force that is, by definition, the antithesis of communism. There is a great opportunity for the U.S. to work with the Islamic movement if we make the effort to understand it and are not misled by radical divergencies, such as those that have appeared in Iran.

A suitable vehicle for cooperating with the Islamic world is the Islamic Conference Organization which was developed by the late King Faisal from his conception of Islamic Solidarity and through which the King had hoped to fortify ties to the West. I have written an article explaining in detail the function of the Islamic Conference Organization. has a copy.

I believe we had a mutual friend in number of occasions, when I would see Club, he mentioned arranging a meeting with vou. but the occasion never arose. I knew well through

ued to see after 1 moved to Lloyd Neck and we tried to elect Republicans to the congressional seat.

I might add that another friend we will sorely miss is Bob Ames. I kept in touch with him and developed the highest respect for his judgment and knowledge.

Sincerely yours,

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